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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CANCELS TRIP TO PARAGUAY

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1. SUNDAY (AUG 12) PRESS REPORTED THAT SPECIAL DELEGATION TO STROESSNER INAUGURATION HAD BEEN CANCELLED. NEITHER FORMIN VIGNES NOR THE THREE CINCS WILL ATTEND.

2. WHILE MINISTRY HAS MADE NO FORMAL STATEMENT, PRESS, QUOTING UNOFFICIAL SOURCES, ATTRIBUTED CANCELLATION TO A "WORSENING" OF RELATIONS WITH PARAGUAY FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF INTENSE TALKS LAST WEEK REGARDING USE OF THE HYDRAULIC RESOURCES OF THE PARANA DESPITE PROFFERS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES TO PARAGUAY. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIXED COMMISSION FOR THE PROPOSED YACIRETA-APIPE DAM, HELD LAST WEEK IN ASUNCION, WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. IT WAS ALSO LEAKED THAT THE FONMIN'S PRESENCE AT CEREMONIES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE SIGNING OF THE ITAIPU ACCORD BETWEEN BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY WAS DEEMED "INCONVENIENT."

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3. COMMENT. THIS DEVELOPMENT PROBABLY EXPLAINS THE MINISTRY'S FAILURE TO PUT OUT THE USUAL ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK REGARDING THE SPECIAL DELEGATION AS REPORTED FROM ASUNCION. IT FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT THE GOA EITHER ATTEMPTED TO GET THE FORMAL SIGNING OF THE ITAIPU ACCORD POSTPONED OR TO OBTAIN COMPENSATING ADVANTAGES AT OTHER PROJECTED SITES FROM PARAGUAY. USE OF THE WATERS OF THE PARANA CLEARLY CONTINUES TO BE A SOURCE OF DISCORD IN THE PLATA BASIN.
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